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SUBJECT: ISRAELI MARINE OFFICERS' UNION DELAYING TWO

FOREIGN SHIPS IN EFFORT TO CONCLUDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS
FEDERATION

1. AS REPORTED IN PRESS AND CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF BY UNION
OFFICIALS, ISRAELI MARINE OFFICERS' UNION HAS BEEN DELAYING
TWO FOREIGN FLAG SHIPS OVER PAST WEEK IN EFFORT TO HAVE
CAPTAINS SIGN STANDARD CONTRACT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
WORKERS FEDERATION.

2. PHILIPPINE OWNERS OF TANKER CAMILIA HELD IN HAIFA HAVE
THREATENED TO SUE UNION AND PORT MANAGEMENT FOR DAMAGES.
UNION SAID IT ACTED IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT OF "INTOLERABLE"
CONDITIONS ON BOARD SHIP BY 26 PHILIPPINE SAILORS, AND CLAIM
FOR 14 MONTHS BACK PAY. UNION OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT OWNERS
ARE WILLING TO SIGN ITF CONTRACT IF PHILIPPINE CREW IS REMOVED
AND RETURNED HOME. UNION REFUSED. ITF OFFICIAL FROM LONDON
DUE IN ISRAEL TO ADVISE UNION IF CASE GOES TO COURT.

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3. UNION ALSO HOLDING SOUTH AFRICAN-OWNED SHIP IN EILAT,
CYPRIOT-FLAG FREIGHTER EVI A. UNION IS DEMANDING OWNERS
TO SIGN ITF AGREEMENT FOR ITS GREEK CREW, BUT HAS INDICATED
IT WILL RELEASE SHIP IF CHANGED TO GREEK FLAG. UNION

SAYS OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO CHANGE FLAG.

4. UNION SECRETARY, ADAM CHISIK, WHO IS ALSO ITF REP
IN ISRAEL, IS QUOTED BY JERUSALEM POST AS
STATING: 'OUR INTENTION IS TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF FLAGS
OF CONVENIENCE AND TO SUPPORT NATIONAL FLAGS IN MERCHANT
MARINES.'" HE SAID THIS IS IN LINE WITH ITF POLICY.

5. CHISIK TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAS NEGOTIATED ITF CONTRACT
WITH SOME 65 SHIPS OVER PAST FEW YEARS. EFFORT TO SIGN
PHILIPPINE SHIP HAS BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO DATE.

6. COMMENT: OFFICERS' UNION IS ALSO IN DISPUTE WITH
ISRAELI SHIPOWNERS OVER THEIR USE OF FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE.
COMPLAINT IS NOW UNDER REVIEW BY TRANSPORT MINISTER.
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